

THE APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE  
AND AMTRAK

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today, the House will consider the end of year appropriations package. In that package, is a one-page provision that risk undermining nearly a decade of rail security efforts by Amtrak. It requires Amtrak to allow passengers at stations that accept checked baggage to check their guns.

There are those who argue that this is a reasonable provision which would simply grant rail travelers the same opportunities as aviation travelers. These people fundamentally miss the point.

The challenges of securing rail are very different than securing aviation. Airports are controlled environments with screeners, checkpoints and multiple law enforcement agencies, rail stations are not. Airline passengers are watch listed, rail passengers are not. Guns that are checked on planes are stored away from passengers. Under this provision, guns could be "checked" in the same car as the passenger. This provision is bad security of policy and puts Amtrak passengers and staff and anyone else in rail stations at risk.

A TRIBUTE TO REDLANDS CITY  
CLERK LORRIE POYZER FOR 33  
YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Redlands City Clerk Lorrie Poyzer, who over the past three decades has established herself as the institutional memory of this Southern California city.

A true native of this San Bernardino County city, Lorrie Poyzer is a Redlands High School graduate and the daughter of Marion H. Poyzer, who was the city's elected Treasurer from 1960 to 1975. Her grandfather and his sister were the first recorded twins born in the city around 1900.

After graduation from Redlands High School and then San Bernardino Valley College, Louie Poyzer worked for seven years as office manager for the Redlands Teachers Association, and seven more as the assistant manager's secretary of the Bank of America Redlands branch.

She went to work in the City Clerk's office in February 1976, shortly after her father retired as city Treasurer. In those days before computers, she had to retype minutes of the City Council meetings three or four times as changes were made. She was appointed deputy clerk within a year.

Her expertise and years of service led to the City Council appointing Lorrie Poyzer acting City Clerk in January 1983, and she was elected to the first of seven consecutive terms in November 2003.

Madam Speaker, as with many growing cities, Redlands has seen its share of changes in leadership. Ms. Poyzer has served with 10

mayors, 29 City Council members and 11 City Managers. She has overseen the accurate recording of minutes for more than 1,000 council meetings.

Under her leadership, Redlands has become known for its incredibly accurate record-keeping. The office has ensured that all former paper records have been transferred to computers, and she is proud to say that her office can find any document—even dating back to the city founding in 1888—within 10 minutes.

As City Clerk, Ms. Poyzer has overseen numerous municipal elections and has a long-established reputation for fair and impartial handling of candidates. Her duties have ranged from administering oaths and affirmations to helping organize the city's Centennial celebration in 1988. She has even taken charge of selling tickets to the annual Fourth of July celebration at the University of Redlands.

Over the years, Lorrie Poyzer has become known as the person who knows everything about the city and community of Redlands. She handles all requests for help and information cheerfully and efficiently.

Madam Speaker, after serving as the elected city clerk for 26 years, Lorrie Poyzer is retiring this month. We will all miss her vast knowledge of our city and its history, but we wish her success and happiness on her retirement. Please join me in commending her for a fabulous life of public service.

A TRIBUTE TO DAWN MONIQUE  
ADAMS-FULTON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dawn Monique Adams-Fulton.

Mrs. Adams-Fulton is a Rehabilitation Counselor for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. She presently provided services to the chemical dependency population at Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center. She has provided this population with support and guidance for the last ten years. She has demonstrated a high level of dedication to the clients she services by ensuring that they have the tools they need to become and remain productive members of society.

She has been employed at Steinway Child & Family Services for 14 years as a Director Child Care worker. In this role, she is responsible for assisting children with problem solving, life skills and conflict resolution.

Prior to joining the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Mrs. Adams-Fulton worked in the foster care system for eight years through a host agency, the Richard Allen Center on Life and Sheltering Arms Foster Care Agency. In both positions she was dedicated to making and ensuring children were protected and provided with a happy and safe beginning.

Her leadership, dedication and communication skills have been recognized through receiving many certificates of appreciation.

She obtained her Bachelor's of Science Degree from College of Human Services (presently known as Metropolitan College). Mrs. Adams-Fulton continued her education by attending Long Island University and received

her Master's of Science Degree in Counseling and Family Education. Mrs. Adams-Fulton also possesses her certification in the field of addiction (CASAC) and has a License in Mental Health Counseling (LMHC). In addition to her education, she has a credential in Family Development from Cornell University.

She is also a member of Dewitt Headstart Parent Involvement Committee. In this role she is responsible for encouraging and supporting parents and promoting their involvement in their children's education and future.

Mrs. Adams-Fulton enjoys spending her free time with her family and her circle of friends. Her role models are her grandmothers, Marion L. Adams and Emma Campbell. They instilled in her the importance of family and being responsible. In addition, she has a host of leaders that have provided guidance and encouragement in her professional growth.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dawn Monique Adams-Fulton.

REMEMBERING SENATOR PAULA  
HAWKINS

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an historic figure in Florida politics, United States Senator Paula Hawkins, who died at the age of 82 on Friday, December 4, 2009.

Senator Hawkins was the first woman from any State elected to a full U.S. Senate term who was not the wife or daughter of a politician.

Senator Hawkins was a champion of children's issues and issues relating to single women.

She was instrumental in passing The Missing Children's Act of 1982, which established a national clearinghouse for information about missing children.

Senator Hawkins fought to help women enter the job market after divorce or widowhood, for equalizing pension benefits for women by taking into account their years spent at home raising children, for day care for the children of Senate employees and for tax breaks on child care expenses.

But probably her most courageous act took place in 1984 when she publicly disclosed that she was sexually molested as a child.

We should all be grateful to Senator Hawkins, Madam Speaker, for opening the door for so many others.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform among House Republicans, I am committed to honoring House Republican rules that provide for greater transparency. H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, contains the following funding that I requested: